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| BERND PFANNSCHMIDT  | ) |
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| For: ELECTRIC MACHINE WITH COOLANT<br>GUIDING CHANNEL AND<br>CORRESPONDING COOLING METHOD | ) |

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In accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.56, applicant wishes to call the attention of attention of the Examiner to the references listed on enclosed form PTO-1449 which were cited in the International Search Report issued by the European Patent Office with regard to the corresponding International patent application No. PCT/EP2004/008299 and in a German Office Action issued by the German Patent Office with regard to the corresponding German patent application No. 103 35 141.8, respectively. Applicant does not admit that any of the cited documents constitutes prior art against the pending application.

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In order to satisfy the requirement under 37 C.F.R. §1.98(a)(3) for a concise explanation of the relevance of each item of information, applicant herewith submits a copy of the International Search Report. In addition, applicant notes with respect to any information that is not in English language as follows:

With respect to German Auslegeschrift No. DE 26 48 824, an English-language Abstract is enclosed.

With respect to German Patent No. DE 21 45 748, an English-language Abstract is enclosed.

German Patent No. DE 23 60 830 describes a closed electric machine. Reference is made in particular to Figs. 2 and 7, with Fig. 2 showing a section, taken along the line II-II in Fig. 1, and Fig. 7 showing a longitudinal section of an embodiment of the electric machine with symmetrical cooling system.

With respect to German Offenlegungsschrift No. DE 36 01 089, an English-language Abstract is enclosed.

German Offenlegungsschrift No. DE 2 254 995 describes an internally ventilated electric machine with water recooling system. Reference is made in

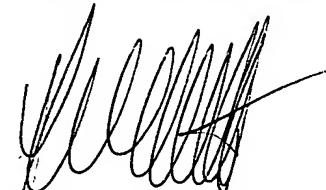
particular to Fig. 3, depicting a cooling water flow diagram for the electric machine of Figs. 1 and 2.

German Auslegeschrift No. DE 24 23 853 describes a closed electric machine. Reference is made in particular to Fig. 1.

The above-identified application discloses and claims an invention patentable over this prior art.

Entry of the references above set forth into the file of the above application is believed to be in order and is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted

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